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October 14, 2009

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Mr. Michael J. Erickson
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SR-6J

RE: Kalamazoo River Hot Spot Assessment Core Collection
Locations

Dear Mr. Erickson:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has completed its review of your October 7, 2009, letter detailing the core collection locations for the Kalamazoo River hot spot assessment sampling plan for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site.

This letter provides the core collection locations based upon the results of the bathymetric mapping conducted by EPA's FIELDS group. The core collection locations appear adequate. However, the letter should be revised to include language that some limited field reconnaissance will be performed, so final core placement can be considered by field professionals (based on soil texture, relative elevation, revised bathymetry etc.).

Therefore, EPA approves the Kalamazoo River hot spot assessment core collection locations. Please contact me at (312) 886-0992 if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. Saric".

James A. Saric
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